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ALL ATTACKS ARE REPULSED

French Troops Entirely Sur-
round Fort Douaumont
It is Claimed

KILL 45,000 GERMANS

Eight Thousand Corpses of Teutons
on One Two-Mile Front—Eight Re-
giments Wiped Out.

Paris, Feb. 29.—All German attacks
in the Verdun district in the last 24
hours have been repulsed, said an of-
ficial statement from the war office
this afternoon.

French troops now entirely sur-
round Fort Douaumont, the official
statement said.

London, Feb. 29.—More than 45-
000 Germans have been killed in the
assault on the Verdun positions, ac-
cording to a Central News dispatch
from Amsterdam today, quoting
Dutch sources as authority.

On one two-mile front, the dis-
patch stated, were found 8,000 Ger-
man corpses.

One regiment, it was stated, has
been formed from the fragments of
eight German regiments, nearly wiped
out in the fighting around Hau-
mont.

Endless trains of wounded from
the German front were reported to
be arriving at Metz. Hospitals at
Coblentz, Treves, Cologne, and other
German cities were said to be
overflowing with wounded.

Fort Douaumont, the dispatch said,
was bombarded for six hours before
it was finally wrecked.

The French occupants held their
positions while the fort was being
blown down around them and repulsed
charge after charge of the Brand-
enburgers, finally withdrawing, leav-
ing heaps of German dead in front
of the forts.

French guns stationed near Bras
destroyed more than forty German
field pieces which had been grouped
together in a heavy assault against
the French positions.

London, Feb. 29.—The decisive bat-
tle for Verdun is about to begin.

Checked in savage onslaughts
against Pepper Heights, the Germans
are moving up their heaviest artillery
to blast away the armored trenches
on the ridge, barring their further
advance from the north.

Dispatches from Swiss sources to-
day insist that the Verdun attack
is a mere diversion. The Germans,
these advisers say, are about to break
out with a great blow between Noy-
on and St. Quentin, where the battle-
front is barely more than 60 miles
northeast of Paris.

Swiss newspapers estimate the Ger-
man dead in the early days of the
Verdun offensive at about 30,000, but
make no estimates on the number of
wounded.

French war office officials believe
the Kaiser already despairs of vic-
tory in front of Verdun and either is
searching for a new road to Paris
through the Champagne, or will re-
new the attack through Fresnes, aimed
at squeezing the French out of Verdun.

Paris dispatches today, though re-
counting the rejoicing in the French
capital over the checking of the Ver-
dun drive, gave warning that the
crown prince is about to renew the
attack with all the artillery and in-
fantry at his command. But Paris
believes the tide of battle is about
to turn in favor of France.

20 BURIED ALIVE.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 29.—Six
are reported dead and 20 buried in
the mine explosion in the Davis Coal
and Coke Company's mine at Kemp-
ton, W. Va., today.

CLAIRVOYANT—Madame Stacy,
clairvoyant, and astral trance me-
dium, gives advice on all affairs. In
doubt or trouble consult her. Has
helped others, why not you? Spec-
ial readings, half price next five
days. Parlors, 121 south Pitt St.
29. St.

Oysters In All Styles At The Ram-
mel Cafe.

MURDER SUSPECTED.

North Carolinian Found Dead in 1912
With Two Bullet Wounds in
Head.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 29.—That F.
Rogers Grant, who was found dead
in the lonely woods along the Vic-
toria Road in 1912 did not die by his
own hand, but was murdered by a
party to be named later is the sen-
sational allegation contained in a suit
filed by the attorneys for the estate
of the dead man against the Fidelity
Casualty Company, of New York.
The suit is brought in New York, and
C. A. Tillinghast, a member of a
New York firm of lawyers, has just
left here after collecting evidence in
this case. The dead man carried a
\$5,000 policy with this company, and
the company refuses to pay the claim,
declaring that Rogers Grant died by
his own hand, and was therefore not
the victim of an accident. Attorneys
for his estate, in the suit filed at
New York, declare that there were
two bullet holes in the dead man's
head, and that he could not have fired
the second shot into his own brain.
Moreover, the Grant estate alleges
that the shots were fired by a woman,
now residing in a Southern State,
and who will be named at the trial of
the case.

YOUNG MAN'S HEROISM

Jumps From Passenger Train and
Saves Life of Three-Year Old
Girl.

James Beecan publishes the fol-
lowing in the Petersburg Progress:

On last Thursday afternoon between
2 and 2:30 o'clock, I heard the mail
train coming. I went to look for my
little three-year-old daughter, Dahlia,
and discovered her sitting on the rail-
road track along which a train was
approaching. I attempted to get to
her, but a freight train blocked the
way. I ran but could not get to the
spot. I saw a young fellow jump from
the mail train. He fell and slid fully
twenty feet, but quick as a flash he
was on his feet. The train was with-
in a few yards of my little girl when
the young man grabbed her and saved
her life. The young man refused any
reward for his heroic deed, and I
desire to put this in his home paper
in order that the people of his home
town might know of his heroism.
The young man said his name was
Wm. Stuart, a son of Mr. M. A.
Stuart, of Petersburg.

TREED IN FROZEN FLOOD.

Man Rescued From Perch in Mid-
River After Companion Drowns.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Feb. 29.—Charles
Thomas was rescued early Sunday
morning from a tree in the flooded
and icepacked Des Moines River, where
he had clung to the branches many
hours, after seeing a companion
drown. He was half frozen and near-
ly lifeless.

Thomas and E. A. Rommel, Mah-
aska county engineers, were in a
party attempting to dynamite the
ice floe, when they were swept into
the stream. Rommel perishing,
Thomas was caught in the top of a
tree which had been submerged partly
by the flood.

The swollen channel was filled with
great cakes of ice hurled onward by
the swift current. It was deemed im-
possible to reach Thomas until Ray
Ellis, 18 years old, in a frail skiff,
made a perilous, but successful dash
through the ice and dragged Thomas
into the boat.

Efforts to break the ice pack have
been unavailing, and Sunday night
lowlands were flooded and farms
threatened.

BISHOP IS SLAIN BY THUGS.

Dies From Injuries Sustained When
Highwayman Attacked Him.

Cincinnati, Feb. 29.—Rev. Dr. Thom-
as C. Carter, of Chattanooga, Tenn.,
bishop in the United Brethren Church
died here Sunday. While walking
along the street one night shortly
after his arrival here eight days ago
he was attacked by highwaymen,
knocked down and robbed. Accord-
ing to physicians, he died from cry-
sipelas, caused from bruises sustain-
ed at that time.

Bishop Carter was a former Meth-
odist, and served the Methodist
church as missionary to China and
as editor in Tennessee.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel
Cafe.

SLAUGHTERED LIKE CATTLE

Battle of Verdun Suggestive
of a Massacre on Large
Scale

BOTH SIDES SUFFER

Germans Rush Pell Mell to Certain
Death, While French Cheer in
Triumph at Their Defeat.

Paris, Feb. 29.—"A frightful mas-
sacre," is how German soldiers taken
prisoners in the battle of Verdun
describe the effect of the French ar-
tillery, machine gun and rifle fire.
But the impetus of the assaulting
forces was not diminished there-
by during the first four days, be-
cause fresh troops were thrown into
the battle unceasingly.

"Advance, no matter what the losses
may be," was the order given to
the German troops before the attack.
This is verified by documents found
on one of the captured officers.

The most critical moment in the
six days' action was when the Ger-
mans gained a footing in the en-
trenched camp by the capture of Fort
Douaumont. The least hesitation on
the part of the defenders would have
been disastrous. The Germans re-
doubled their efforts to take advan-
tage of any confusion, but the French
immediately began a counter offen-
sive.

French infantry advanced at double
quick to the trumpet charge and
leaped at the first rank of the Ger-
mans with irresistible fury. The clash
was murderous to both sides. The
thinned French ranks were not to be
denied, but they went on to the sec-
ond German wing, while reinforce-
ments were hurried to their support.
The German lines wavered first west
of Douaumont; then were driven out
of the ruins of the fort.

A cry of triumph went up all along
the French line and the ardor of the
counter-attack was redoubled. In the
meantime an artillery duel, surpassing
in intensity any previous action of
the war, added to the carnage.

The battle now seems to have
reached a critical point. The assault-
ing forces have recoiled slightly in the
region of Douaumont leaving the re-
giments which occupied the fort cut
off and surrounded by French troops.
The attacks upon the French left,
at Pepper Hill (Cote du Poivre),
seemed to have failed completely.
However, attacks made repeatedly
with such heavy masses as the Ger-
mans are constantly bringing up, it
is admitted by military authorities,
are always likely to make further
gains, provided the officers are will-
ing to pay the price in human life.

There is no exaggerated optimism
to be found in military circles here,
but the check of the Germans attack-
ing in such formidable numbers is
regarded by them as one of the great
achievements of the war, and it is
generally held that events have taken
a turn quite favorable to the French
arms in the last 24 hours.

ONLY NINE SAILED

Passengers Booked to Sail Frightened
Off by Warnings

New York, Feb. 29.—The French
Line steamship Espagne, some of
whose original passengers received
anonymous warning that the Espagne
might meet with mishap, sailed yester-
day for Bordeaux. She carried but
ten of the 130 passengers originally
booked, the others having taken pas-
sage on the Lafayette after the Es-
pagne's sailing date, Thursday last,
was postponed to permit repairs to the
vessel. One American, Paul Tison, of
New York, who is going to France to
join the American Ambulance Corps,
was on board.

The Espagne is due to reach the
war zone about 10 days hence. She
carried no guns.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB
BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET.
NORFOLK OYSTERS A SPECIALTY

LOCAL BREVITIES

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet
tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in
Trinity M. E. Church.

Henry O'Bannon Cooper has been
elected a director of the Alexandria
National Bank in place of Thomas C.
Smith, deceased.

A general meeting of the Parent-
Teachers Association will be held to-
night at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the
Chamber of Commerce. P. P. Clax-
ton, of the Bureau of Education,
Washington, will be the speaker.

There will be a meeting of the
Virginia Athletic Club tomorrow
night at their club house on Prince
Street. All members are requested to
be present.

Court No. 54, Daughters of Isa-
bella, with Mrs. M. R. O'Sullivan, as
chairman, will serve a supper in
Lee Camp Hall, tomorrow evening,
March 1st, from 5 to 9 o'clock, for the
benefit of the Young Men's Sodal-
ity Lyceum Improvement Fund.

The fourth quarterly conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church,
was held in that church last night.
The membership meeting of the
church will take place tomorrow night
at which time officers will be elected
and a delegate to the Maryland an-
nual conference chosen.

MUNITION PLANTS WRECKED.

Germans Claim Great Destruction
Followed Zeppelin Raid.

Berlin, Feb. 29.—On the occasion
of the last Zeppelin raid over Eng-
land, two government factories and
two ammunition factories, at Birm-
ingham and one ammunition factory
near Bradford were destroyed by
bombs, the Overseas news agency
says.

The news-agency statement, which
supplements the account given out
of the damage done by the airship
attack on England on the night of
January 31-February 1, as follows:

"At Birmingham two government
factories and two ammunition fac-
tories were destroyed. One brewery
was damaged at Eccles Hill. Near
Bradford one ammunition factory
and three spinning mills were wreck-
ed. At Partington one bomb destroy-
ed 22 houses.

"On the Humber a battery was sil-
enced, the cannon and searchlights
being destroyed. At Grimsby and in
the vicinity of Hull considerable
damage was done as was also the
case at Sheffield.

"The cruiser Caroline and the de-
stroyers Eden and Nith were sunk.
The Caroline sank in six minutes,
31 members of the crew being killed,
58 wounded and 47 drowned."

"FOLIES MAKE BIG HIT

Plays to Well Pleased Capacity Aud-
ience at New Opera House.

An exceptionally good show was
presented at the New Opera House
last evening. It may be consid-
ered without a doubt the best pro-
duction that has been placed before
the patrons of this popular house.
Eddie Collins' "Follies of Broadway Co."
provided an entertainment that has
been unequalled here. From start to
finish a crowded house was kept in
an uproarious state of merriment.

Ever comedians together with
good singing and dancing by an el-
aborately costumed chorus made up
an attractive bill that met with the
appreciation of all present. Eddie
Collins as principal fun-maker, made
good, and met with generous ap-
plause. Florence Wilmet, with pleas-
ing personality, made a hit in her
excellently rendered vocal numbers,
and other members of the troupe as-
sisted in making a most enjoyable and
successful bill. Special mention should
be made of the work of Hal Pine,
who was well received by a delig-
ent audience. An entire change of bill
will be given by this company to-
morrow night, and also on Friday
evening.

This evening the management has
secured one of the Wm. Fox Inc., best
films, entitled, "Princess Romanoff,"
and featuring the popular actress
Nance O'Neill. This drama in five
reels give the utmost scope to the
emotional, and dramatic talent that
this artiste possesses, and has scored
a success wherever it has been thrown
upon the screen.

VIRGINIA DRY 2 YEARS HENCE

Absolute and Complete Pro-
hibition in Cities and
Counties

AWAITING DECISION.

Outcome of Webb-Kenyon Law, Now
Before U. S. Supreme Court, Will
Bear Upon the State

Richmond, Feb. 29.—Absolute and
complete prohibition is possible to
every city and county in the State at
this time—or when the new law be-
comes operative—if they so deter-
mine. They have that right under
the law.

Even if there are no counties or
cities so deciding there will be two
years hence a move to make Vir-
ginia dry. Senator Mapp who led the
fight for the prohibition and com-
panion bills, made it clear that such
was the intention of the State two
years hence.

Before the next Legislature comes
here there will have been a decision
in the Webb-Kenyon law which is
now before the Supreme Court of the
United States. That law absolutely
prohibits the shipment of liquor from
a wet State into a State in which
prohibition obtains.

The law is being tested by the ex-
press companies of West Virginia,
which have brought suit to have the
matter adjudicated. They seek to have
a final hearing and ruling.

If the law is held valid then there
can be no shipments whatever into
States which have shut out liquor.
Under no pretext whatever will li-
quor be allowed to be sent from one
State to another, and those who have
asked for a law to prohibit the bring-
ing in of liquor will have their wishes
gratified.

Pending the decision of the Webb-
Kenyon law's validity, the bill regu-
lating liquor in Virginia was drawn.
The fact that there had been no de-
cision in the matter dictated the
drawing of the Virginia bill so that
the shipments could be regulated to
the minimum. It is believed that, in
case the law is declared void, the one
quart per month will be enforced,
and in that way the volume of drink-
ing will be reduced to the minimum.

Senator Mapp will, in accordance
with his announced plan, at the next
session of the Legislature, offer a bill
to wipe off the quart per month, and
see to it that Virginia will have noth-
ing but prohibition after that time.

This will be done by enacting a new
bill repealing the one which has al-
ready passed the Senate, and which
will simply provide that no liquor of
any sort shall be made, sold, trans-
ported, furnished, served, given, stor-
ed or supplied to any person or per-
sons at any time anywhere in the
State of Virginia, retaining the penal-
ties that obtain at this time and also
providing for the re-enactment of the
"ouster" law, which seeks to force
officers to do their duty.

The local option prohibition bill,
which passed the Senate Saturday, is
a measure which seeks to give to each
community the right of allowing ship-
ments within their borders.

The voters have the right when 25
per cent. of those entitled to vote
shall ask that an election be held. If
the majority of the voters declare
that they are opposed to having any
whiskey shipped in to them, then the
law will be enforced and there will
be no shipments. In case there be
those who dare to risk the penalty
of the law and who get liquor, the
opportunity for jail terms and heavy
fines stare them right in the face.
And the common carriers or person
bringing in such liquor will share the
same fate as the person who shall
have it in his possession.

It remains to be seen if the House
will grant an extension of time to
the concerns engaged in the liquor
business to close out after October
31st. They have tried to get ten days
or less, but the statement has often
been made that they have had more
than two years in which to get ready
for the end, and they are still clam-
oring for more time.

LA PROVENCE IS SUNK

Warship Formerly in Trans-Atlantic
Passenger Service Lost in
Mediterranean

Paris, Feb. 29.—About 1,000 lives
are believed to have been lost in the
sinking of the French auxiliary cruis-
er Provence formerly in service as
a trans-Atlantic liner, in the middle
Mediterranean on Saturday.

Eighteen hundred persons were
aboard the cruiser, an official state-
ment from the ministry of marine
stated.

Of this number, 296 of the crew
have been landed at Malta, and about
400 on the Greek island of Melos.

JUDGE DEFIES BLACKHAND.

To Sit in Youngstown Cases in Face
of Threats.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 29.—Federal
Judge Clarke decided yesterday to
personally conduct the trial, which
began today of the four men charg-
ed with breaking into and destroying
the postoffice at East Youngstown,
on January 7, instead of having it
tried by Judge Killits, of Toledo, as
was arranged for on last Thursday.
Judge Clarke gives as his reason for
the change that the falsehood has
been widely published throughout the
country that he declined to try the
case because a threatening blackhand
letter had been written to a news-
paper at Youngstown in which his
life was threatened.

"It will never do," said the Judge
"for the false notion to get abroad
that a federal judge can be deterred
by fear or by any other unworthy
cause from doing his duty in the trial
of any case which may come before
him."

WATCHING FELIX DIAZ.

Mexican Reported to be Creeping
Back to Country to Launch
Revolution.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Felix Diaz,
who has been watched for several
months by Department of Justice
agents because of suspected activi-
ties in violation of American neu-
trality, apparently has left the United
States for Mexico with the intention
of launching a new revolution against
the Carranza de facto government.
Information reaching officials here in-
dicate that he hopes to organize and
lead the troops of his native State,
Oaxaca, and such other forces in
Southern Mexico as he can gather
about him.

General Diaz left New Orleans
Friday for Havana where several
Mexicans whose names have been as-
sociated with him in reports of a
revolutionary movement were un-
derstood to be awaiting him. Teo-
odoro Dehesa, a former governor of
Vera Cruz, and Gen. Aureliano
Blanquet, war minister under Huerta
were reported to be among them.

FRATRICIDE IN MARYLAND.

Brother Kills Brother in Caroline
County in Quarrel Over a
Woman.

Easton, Md., Feb. 29.—George Hig-
nutt, a young married man, near
Concord, who was shot by his brother,
Albert Hignutt, while attending a
public sale at Hickman, Caroline
County, Saturday, died at the Em-
ergency Hospital here yesterday. The
brothers have been quarreling, and
it is said, George made two advances
toward his brother as if to strike
him, when Albert drew his pistol and
fired, the ball striking him in the
stomach.

In his declaration to State's At-
torney Butler, just before he died
Hignutt said the quarrel was over
a woman. He said that his brother
was quite smitten over Laura Breed-
ing, Saturday afternoon they were
all sitting in the kitchen of his house
when he told a man by the name of
Victor to kiss Laura. This made Al-
bert furious, and when they went out
to the sale his brother shot him.

MILLINERY OPENING.

On Wednesday, March 1st, we will
display a full line of spring
Millinery.
Inspection invited.

MRS. J. HAYES,
915 King Street.

GERMANY'S NEW SUBMARINE LAW

Warfare as Outlined in Lu-
sitania Case to be
Followed

WILL BEGIN TONIGHT

No Further Action by United States
Until Appendices to Memorandum
Are Received.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The German
government notified the United States
yesterday that its new submarine
campaign against enemy merchant-
men is justified under international
law and will be launched, as planned
this, midnight.

At the same time officials of the
State Department and the German
Embassy said they were not appren-
sive of new submarine difficulties
while negotiations are pending.

The German Ambassador told Sec-
retary Lansing that no passenger ves-
sel will be attacked unless the sub-
marine commander has positive proof
that it is armed.

Semi-official warning was given
later from high administration quar-
ters that Americans will take passage
on enemy passenger vessels, armed for
defense, at their peril.

Secretary Lansing received the Ger-
man communication without comment.
He announced afterward that the
United States will take no further ac-
tion until the appendices to the Ger-
man memorandum, giving what Ger-
many contends is proof of illegal use
of armament by British merchantmen
is received from Berlin.

Later it was said at the State De-
partment that while the United States
sued unalterably for the right of a
merchant ship to carry guns for de-
fense it was not now and never had
been contending that Americans could
travel with immunity on ships hav-
ing orders to act offensively.

Berlin, Feb. 29.—German subma-
rines will torpedo no passenger liners
without warning, even after the new
order to sink armed merchantmen
goes into effect at midnight Tuesday
the United Press was reliably infor-
med today.

Furthermore, submarine command-
ers will endanger human lives only
in case a steamer attempts to escape
to fire on the submarine, or to ram
her.

In their new campaign, the United
Press was informed, U-boat command-
ers will act under these instructions:
They will not torpedo every ship
encountered, trusting to prove later
that they were armed.

They will not violate instructions
previously given to warn passenger
liners.

They will not endanger human lives
unless the ships attempt to escape, to
ram the attacking submarine, or to
fire on her.

In short, the difference between the
past and the present, as regards pas-
senger liners, is that in the future
armed liners will not be considered
legitimate peaceful trading ships.

It can be stated definitely that Ger-
many, by the new regulation, is not
courting trouble with America.

But if some future accident endan-
gers Americans or causes American
loss of life, Germany will be convinced
that the responsibility will not rest
with her, inasmuch as she has fully
warned Americans publicly, and the
American government officially.

TROLLEY TAKES BOY'S LIFE.

Lad Run Down and Killed While on
His Way to School.

Philadelphia, Feb. 29.—Frank Rit-
ter, 9 years old, was fatally injured
by a trolley car yesterday at Sec-
ond and League streets while on his
way with companions to school. He
died as he was being placed upon the
operating table at Mt. Sinai Hospital.
Young Ritter was on his way to at-
tend the afternoon session. The lad
did not heed the gong and ran direct-
ly in front of the car. Before the mo-
tor could stop his car the boy
was knocked down, dragged several
feet and his body twisted out of shape